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WEATHER -CLOUDY

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25 DEAD AND 3,000 HOMELESS IN TEXAS HURRICANE DRY AGENTS' CHAUFFEUR IS HELD IN KILLING OF WIFE SENATORS BEGIN BATTLE ON PEACE TREATY TODAY

DEATH OF WOMAN FOLLOWS TROUBLE WITH HER HUSBAND

Bruise on Wife's Body Causes Arrest of Joseph S. Williams.

CORONER DISCOVERS THAT GIRL HAD CLOT ON BRAIN

Investigation by Police Reveals Young Man Struck Victim Fri-, day Night During Quarrel.

DIED EARLY MONDAY MORNING

Accused Drove Hall and Sweet on Night of Bootleggers' Deaths on Valley Road.

Williams, twenty-five, under arrest charged as the killing of his awenty-6 clock yesterday morning at , 207 West Grace Street. In is the chauffeur who drove y of prohibition agents to Hill last spring when Ray-ackleford and Lawrence Hudshot to death as bootleggers sents, four of whom now face nurder charkes.

Friday might at the home of Mrs. William's father, George W. Bebout, electrical and shop engineer for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, who lives at 619 North Seventh Street. The father of the dead girl told about this father of the dead girl told about this trouble last night in an interview:
"My daughter's life has been miserable," he said. "While I had never seen her abused by her husband before Friday night, she had told me of various instances. On Friday night, Williams came to our house and I heard him abuse her for ne reason other than that she was playing the piano and entertaining some of her friends by dancing.

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"He took hold of her carried her back to the rear of the house and closed the door. My wife telephoned to the police, but I notified them not to come and then settled the matter with Williams personally. I do not know what he did to her then."

Quarrel Is Continued.

As far as the pelice could learn. Williams and his wife left the Bebout home after the first altercation and went to their own home at 307 West Grace Street, where the quarrel continued and Williams is alleged to have struck his wife again.

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Sergeant Organ at Police Headquarters verified the statement that a call had come from the Bebout home Friday night, but stated that before it could be answered. It was canceled.

Williams told the police, according to their statement, that his wife went into convulsions early yesterday morning and that he called Dr. C. A. Blanton, 300 West Grace Street. The physician said last night that he answered the summons and found the young wife suffering from hysteria and apparently unconscious of what she was doing. She was so violent she had to be held down on the bed, he said.

After giving her some medicine the physician left, only to get a second call an hour later. His son, Dr. H. Wallace Blanton, answered this call and on his arrival at the Williams home found the woman dead. No signs of violence were noted on the body at that time by the physician, but when the undertaker asked for a death certificate Dr. Blanton refused to give it until an autopey was held by Coroner Whitfield.

Bruise is Disclosed.

Examination of the body by the corner disclosed a bruiße on the girl's neck and the blood clot on the brain, resulting in the police investigation and is subsequent arrest.

Williams has a Police Court record. Four years ago he was arrested on a charge of stealing an automobile, but was freed. He later served a jail sentence in Frodericksburg for bootlogging, and the police say he has been involved in other court litigations in various cities.

On the night when the two alleged bootleggers, Hudson and Shackleford, were shot to death on the Valley Road near Fisher's Hill, Williams has been one of the witnesses for the defendants and was on the estand at Manassas at the trial of Prohibition Inspector Hall, in which there was a disagreement of the jury.

Boy of Four Survives.

There is a four-year-old son, Joseph Thurman Williams, surviving the dead mother. According to relatives the al

Immediately after the autopsy yea-terday Coroner Whitfield called a cor-oner's jury and the body of the young woman was taken to Woody's under-taking parlors, where it was viewed. Continued on Second Page.)

Senator Overman Urges Ratification of Treaty

Democrat, of North Carolina, one of the administration spokesmen.
"Until this is done," he told the Senate, "there can be no peace, but unrest, revolution, starvation and anarchy will stalk up and down the world, bringing in its wake destruction of nations, social disorder, wretchedness, and, finally, the extermination of the races of men." Senator Overman said he had read the treaty, heard it discussed, studied it and thought it over, and determined "it is my duty to support its ratification to meet the great responsibility resting upon us and aid in the completion of the victory for which our boys fought and died."

MACON POLICE REFUSE TO QUIT JOBS OR UNION

morning at Defy Orders of Civil Service Commissioners to End Labor Affiliations.

2,000 TEXTILE MEN SURRENDER

followed a gruet- Former Members of Rainbow Division Sworn In as Deputy Sheriffs Journal and Mobilized to Protect Georgia

The firemen are standing firm, even hooting the members of the Civil Service Commission when the order was read at the different engine houses of

Hicks.

The sheriff had been appointed by the Federation of Trades and the textile workers to deliver a resolution from the mass-meeting of Sunday afternoon that the textible workers would return to their places if they were not discriminated against. The mill owners refused to receive the communication and informed Sheriff Hicks that they would deal with their employees or a committee of employees, but not with a union.

LODGE URGED UNION TREATY BATTLE ON FOR PEACE IN 1915

Recalls Utterance of Massachusetts Senator.

With Wilson on Nations' League Issue.

PORTLAND, OREG., Sept. 15 .- Quot-Senator Lodge, chairman of the Sen- nations covenant, men unite to preserve peace. President sidered as precluding any actual work

speech he again rode through densely session tomorrow with an attack on

cheered when he coupled the names of the President and former President Taft in a plea that there must be atonement for the American dead in the war.

In the House of Friends.

Declaring the President was in the "house of his friends." Mr. Irvine said Oregon, "10 or 20 to 1." is for the league of nations.

Asserting he had found few men opposed to a league of nations, the President said the great objection seemed to be to this particular league.

"Kentirely concur in Senator Lodge's decfaration," said the President, "and I hope I shall have his co-operation in carrying out the desired ends."

He recalled his conference with the Foreign Relations Committee on his first return from Paris, and said every suggestion for the improvement made by the committee members had been written into the covenant.

One of these suggestions, he continued, was that the Monroe Doctrine the protected. He asserted that not the continued was that the Monroe Doctrine the protected. He asserted that not the continued was continued as protection to this procedure, declaring it "a mere squandering of time."

Most of these suggestions, said the President, had come from Republican Sources.

Saying he meant no discount from the suggestion of the s

vice Commission when the order was read at the different engine houses of the city.

"They'll have to put us out with guns," was the comment at the head-quarters ensine house. The police say they will remain on the job regardless of whether the military take charge.

The next move to dissolve the two unions is not known at this time, but the events of the day have broken so rapidly that anything may be looked for hefore daylight.

Mass-Meeting Demands Action.

The commissioners demanded the dissolution of the two unions his afternoen after a mass-meeting of citizens had demanded that the commissioners dissolve the policemen's and fireneen's The surrender of mill workers was accomplished with ease, once the machinery was put in operation by Sheriff Hicks.

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SECULATE STORY AND THE STORY A

President, in Portland Speech, Senator Sherman Will Begin With Attack on League Covenant.

"IN HOUSE OF HIS FRIENDS" REED TO SPEAK ON FRIDAY

Oregon Editor Declares State Is Hitchcock, of Nebraska, Will Conduct Administration's Fight for Ratification.

PORTLAND, OREG., Sept. 15.—Quoting from an address made in 1915 by man peace treaty, with its league of oreign Relations Committee, sug- in the Senate, but plans of the Senate gesting that nations must unite as and individual Senators were con-

told a Portland audience to- on the pact until next week. nant carried out what Mr. Lodge had Senate to be considered in open session It was the first time during continuously until ratified or rejected, there apparently was no disposition to mentioned by name any of the Sena. speed it along until after the inter-tors opposing the league. When the President went from his ceremonies Wednesday and Thursday. Policemen Who Quit Posts May Seek Soldiers and Armed Citizens Patrol Senator Sherman, Republican, Illinois, Senator Sherman, Republican, Illinois, Will take up most of the time of the Order.

Two Talk for Ratification.

SMALL NEW YORK BANK

Gompers Tries to Pursuade Steel Workers to Call Off Strike Ordered for Sept. 22

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, returning today to his office at the federation headquarters, went over the situation arising from the police strike in Hoston, and the proposed nation-wide steel workers' strike September 22, but refused absolutely to comment on either.

There were indications at the close of the day, however, that the close of the day, however, that the labor chief was making every effort to obtain from the heads of the steel workers' unions consent to call off the proposed strike and to await the industrial conference called for fletoher 6 by President Wilson hefore taking action.

The work of Mr. Gomners was

The work of Mr. Gompers was seen in the decision of the United Mine Workers, in convention at Cleveland, to support a movement to delay the steel workers' walkout. In requesting that the mine workers make this decision, Mr.

tivities are consequently only taken in his expanity of adviser, and the frequent representations that the atrike is being called off by him, it was said, had caused considerable embarrassment.

BELIEVE GENERAL STRIKE MILITIA GUARDS JAIL IN IN BOSTON IS AVERTED ALBEMARLE, N. C., STRIKE

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MAY SEEK MANDAMUS WRIT SITUATION NOW UNDER CONTROL ricane that swept in from the Guife,

on Duty, and New Department Is Being Organized by Recruiting Entirely New Force.

strike of what would happen if he attempted to enforce his new rule.
Counsel for the labor leaders conferred with their clients today, and it was reported that the Supreme Court might be asked to grant a writ of mandamus compelling the police commissioner to reinstate the strikers.

The adjournment yesterday without provision for another meeting before next Sunday of the Central Labor Union was accepted as indicating that a general strike was not imminent.

New Force Being Recruited.

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Meantime, the recruiting of a new police force is proceeding expeditiously, and the first of the new men now in training will appear on the streets next Monday. With the State guard and the volunteer police on duty until the new department is thoroughly organized, it is believed that the city will not see a repetition of the disorders, at least unless a general strike is declared; in that event the worst that might happen has been anticipated.

The first attempt to disorganize the normal life of the city will be the signal for the bringing in of whatever number of Federal troops may be necessary to protect life and property. New Force Being Recruited.

DECLARES BULLITT'S STORY

Mill.

State Guard and Volunteers Remain Textile Worker and Sheriff Wounded

Gate.

BOSTON, Sept. 15.—There were grounds for hope tenight that a general strike in sympathy with the police, who quit their posts last Tuesday, would be averted. These were found in the grounds of the control of the town and textile would be averted. These were found in the grounds for hope tenight that a general strike in sympathy with the police, who quit their posts last Tuesday, began patrol of the town and textile would be averted. These were found in the ground form of the control of the town and textile to grow the grounds for hope tenight that a general strike in sympathy with the police with the ground form of the city is without light and water, and food is running short.

Mayor Gordon Boone, of Corpus Christi, has sent the following appeal to Governor Hobby in Austin:

"Please send at once two companies of National Guard with mill district to prevent further out of would be averted. These which fa- breaks in connection with the strike vored recourse to the courts in an ef- of mill operatives, which reached a ance. climax today in a riot at the gate of immediate help the Wiscasset Mill, resulting in the wounding of Sheriff G. D. Blalock and Dee Porter, a striker.
Several hundred armed citizens, in addition to the troops, are on guard tonight at various strategic points, especially at the Stanley County jail. Several strikers involved in the shooting at the mill this more and the shooting at the sho

day at headquarters here of that it is entire day was devoted to callifer the contrespendence of an official contractor and confight he went to the a harge suite of offices has been assigned to the control Pershing and a expedition of the control Pershing and a expedition of the control Pershing and a cancellition of the control Pershing of the cancellition of the control of the cancellition of

AT CORPUS CHRISTI

Waters of Gulf Invade City to Depth of Six

MAYOR'S APPEAL FOR AID BRINGS PROMPT RESPONSE

Army Relief Train With Tents and Food Rushing to

Stricken City. RUMOR OF MANY BODIES FOUND

Property Loss \$3,000,000 at Center of Disturbance, With All Lone Star State Coast Involved.

DALLAS, TEX., Sept. 15 .- First definite news of life loss came late Mon-

Flooded by water and battered gales, the city of Corpus Christi sent in Exchange of Shots as Trou- out an appeal for help late Monday, ble Reaches Climax at Factory estimating its dead "up to twenty-five or more," with 3,000 homeless and in need, and property damage approxi-

join in an appeal for finance ance. Condition here depict

The military forces and the armed the military forces and the armed titzens had the situation apparently and the food supply was insufficient. There were no lights or gas tonight and the food supply was insufficient. Unless help reaches here tomorrow and the food supply was insufficient. Unless help reaches here tomorrow morning there will be serious suffering. It is feared.

The three companies of militiamen were ordered here by the Adjutant-to Governor Bickett made by Major J. A. Groves, of Albemarle.

GENERAL PERSHING AT WORK AFTER PARADES OF RECEPTION WEEK

Commander and Force Busy Unpacking Records of A. E. F. in France.

WASHINITON. Sept. 15.—After a round of parades and ceremonies of reception or farewell which have octored him ever since he started home filed down to offices has been assigned to General Pershing and a sepined to General